

REMARKS

Claims 13-26 of the subject application are currently pending and have been rejected by the Examiner. In particular, the Examiner has rejected claims 13-14, 16, 18-21, 23, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kikinis et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,523,079). In particular, the Examiner has stated that:

"Regarding claims 13-14, 16, 18-21, 23, and 25-26, Kikinis et al disclose a memory card reader comprising: a housing 100 defining a slot shaped 149 and dimensioned to receive a first memory card 10 therein, and a memory card storage mechanism 147 to store at least one second memory card 16 therein, and an electronic component 55 to read the first memory card 10. The storage mechanism 147 is defined by a recess formed in the housing 100, the recess being shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card 16 therein. The storage mechanism 147 is defined by a second slot shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card 16 therein wherein the storage mechanism 147 further comprises a memory card retaining mechanism to retain the memory card in the slot being formed."

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Applicants, however, respectfully disagree with the Examiner in this regard, and submit that the Examiner has clearly misread the Kikinis reference. For example, Kikinis does not disclose a memory card reader, but instead discloses a micro PDA 10. Further, reference numeral 100 does not refer to a housing but instead refers to a barcode reader and acquisition peripheral, reference numeral 149 does not refer to a slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein, but instead refers to a docking bay 149 for the micro PDA, reference numeral 147 does not refer to a memory card storage mechanism, but instead refers to an opening in the barcode reader and acquisition peripheral 100 through which an I/O interface 16 may be viewed. Further, reference numeral 16 does not refer to a second memory card, but it instead refers to the I/O interface.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that upon a closer reading of the Kikinis reference, the Examiner will concede that the Kikinis reference does not teach or suggest the limitations of claim 13, and therefore cannot anticipate claim 13. Further, given that the remaining claims of the subject application depend on claim 13, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also not anticipated by the Kikinis reference.

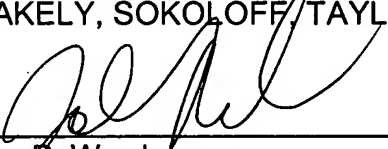
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the remarks set forth herein, all rejections have been overcome. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner determines that prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Vani Moodley at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

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